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On May 15, 2019, this Office received your open records request to inspect/receive copies of contract signed between the MTSU Athletic program and the vendor (who provided services for the 2019 MTSU Basketball tour to the Dominican Republic). After reviewing the request, this Office is unable to provide you with either all or part of the requested record(s). The basis for this denial is:

- No such record(s) exist.
- This office is not the records custodian for the requested record(s).
- Additional information is needed to identify the requested record(s):
- The following law (citation and brief description why access denied):
  - Tenn. Code Ann. Section: *§10-7-503 which limits access to public records to Tennessee Citizens. The relevant language reads: "All state...records shall at all time during business hours, be open for personal inspection by any citizen of Tennessee..."* *Id. at subsection (a). This request does not indicate that you are a citizen of the State of Tennessee, and citizenship is required to receive information under the statute. Therefore, your request must be denied.*
  - Court Rule:
  - Common Law Provision:
  - Federal Law (HIPAA, FERPA, etc.):

If you have any additional questions, please contact Office of the University Counsel at 615-898-2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi Zimmerman".

Heidi Zimmerman  
University Counsel